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Island photographers on display at Cas di Cultura with "Lens di mi Wowonan"

September 1 is Press Day on Aruba, when the island toasts their news media and their constant efforts to keep the public informed. Five years ago, RBC Bank sponsored the first photographic tribute to their work, instigated and organized by noted news photographer Leo Vrolijk.

"Lens di mi Wowonan," is an exposition comprised of what Aruba's news photographers feel is some of their best work of the past year or so. It showcases not only the events that made history, but often their talent for artistic photos and capturing Aruba's beauty.

Thursday, August 30, Leo was honored for the first lustrum of organizing this event, which opened in the Cas di Cultura exposition room in Oranjestad. A few years ago, the event opening also began



Harry Fingal pins a Nikon Pin on Leo



Joanaila Geerman Lacle of RBC presents trophy

including a tribute to pioneers of Aruba's news media. This year's honorees are Olivio de Cuba, Stanley Illidge, and the "maestro of maestros" photographer Chemmy Kock. Each received a beautifully bound album of this year's collection of works.

RBC Bank Branch Manager for San Nicolas, Joanaila

Geerman-Lacle, awarded Leo with a beautiful etched glass memento celebrating this first lustrum. Photographer Harry Fingal of BUVO awarded the honorees and Leo with a Nikon pin, in acknowledgment of their expertise and contributions.

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Aruba Tourism Authority recognizes THE MORNING NEWS on Press Day



September 1 is the day when savvy businesses, government agencies and all those who understand the vital role media and news reporting plays in our daily lives, recognize Aruba's hardworking press people for the job they do. Top of this list is the Aruba Tourism Authority, ATA, who demonstrated their appreciation to THE MORNING NEWS staff with a beautiful cake delivered to our offices early Friday morning. "What a nice surprise," declared office administrator Ingrid Does. "The cake was as delicious as it looked." Editorial staff Rosalinda Maduro, Chandette Richardson and Marline v.d. Linden were joined by sales rep Yanis Garcia in confirming they enjoyed every morsel. Thanks to the ATA and all those who tipped their hats to the members of the press on their special day!



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Paseo Herencia and Sabor Aruba present: 1st International Celebrity Chef Showdown



Paseo Herencia's Candy Rasmijn and Valerie Pietersz-Camacho with chefs Antonio, Ever and a ATA rep

The month of September will be "sabroso" at Paseo Herencia Shopping Center beginning tonight. Starting at 7:00 and lasting until 9:00 PM, the mall will host a celebration of fine food, with special discounts at their many restaurants and shops. Musical shows on the stage of the Plaza Padu will add a festive touch. To enjoy this grand culinary event, tickets will be on sale at the cashier's booth by the parking lot.

On various evenings, wine-tasting stands will be set up by Arion Wine Company, offering

several vintages at discounted prices. Various restaurants will be hosting a "Saturday Special," as well as different offers throughout the month. Every Tuesday, diners can enjoy a 20% discount at Nobushi Oriental Restaurant and Sushi, House, or any day, free parking in the Paseo lot when they choose Italian cuisine at Scala.

Paseo Herencia General Manager Valerie Pietersz-Camacho and Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn welcomed Chef Antonio Albertsz of Sabor Aruba 2012, to ex-

plain the grand finale the will take place on Saturday evening, September 29. Antonio, born and raised on Aruba, spent many years as a chef at the Crystal Palace in Magic Kingdom, Disneyworld, and is now a chef on the cruise ship Fantasy of the Seas.

Antonio has organized culinary events on Aruba in the past; this year's will be particularly exciting. He has confirmation from a number of world famous chefs, stars on Bravo and the Food Network, that they would love to come to Aruba and compete in an International Celebrity Chef Showdown. Three will be coming to compete against Aruba's own Ever de Pena, a chef known for his food art, and sous chef at the Manchebo Beach Resort. Ever and Antonio are both graduates of Aruba famed Culinary Institute of the EPI School.

The competition will take place on the rooftop of the Paseo Herencia parking facility, which proved a delightful venue for an elegant party during the past Aruba International Film Festival. Famous chefs will be doing their magic, and the public is invited to observe at no charge. Tickets are being sold for a special VIP section, which will enjoy the tasty fruits of their labors.

"We are proud to partner with our fine restaurants, Le Bistro, Maute Grill, Iguana Cantina, Scala, TGI Friday's, Nobushi, Taste of Heaven and Moka in showcasing the fine dining to be found on Aruba," stated GM Valerie Pietersz-Camacho. "We look forward to Ever and Antonio showing these famous chefs just how well we cook here. We have no doubt they will teach them a thing or two, and invite everyone to enjoy the show."

by Rosalie Klein

Governor receives first copy Amigoe op School, a gift to the education of Aruba



ORANJESTAD - Governor Fredis Refunjol was the first to receive a copy of the Amigoe op School on Tuesday the 28th of August. This newspaper has now been officially launched to encourage students to read more, also in Dutch.

A delegation, consisting of rector Hans van Tuijl and vakgroep leider Nederlands, Nico van der Zee, were present on behalf of Colegio Aruba. From Amigoe Aruba director Sigrid Hammelburg, chief editor Sharina Henriquez and marketer Jan Willem de Groot were present in the office of the Governor. There the Governor received an explanation on the collaborative.

The purpose of the newspaper is to encourage students to read more: many school exams assume a basic knowledge of things that are happening in the world. Students should also be able to read Dutch, as it is the language of instruction at secondary schools and a good command of the language is a condition for academic success.

The initiative for this newspaper came from Colegio Arubano. They were

looking for educational material to work with in their Dutch classes. These texts had to be up-to-date and had to fit into the experience of the students. The texts from the schoolbooks are often old and out-of-date, without the Aruban context. During the last school year a pilot was carried out. Amigoe provided the facilities, the staff and the articles for free. Amigoe also took the distribution and printing costs upon itself. To keep the costs down an appeal was sent to businesses to advertise in the newspaper, by which they would be contributing to a good cause.

Teachers at Colegio Arubano actively use the newspaper in classes of Dutch, Economics and Civics. Students could contribute to the newspaper by indicating news they would like to read and also by writing their own articles for the newspaper. After 8 publications the enthusiasm among the students was so big that they were even reading the newspaper during their free time. Also teachers were enthusiastic and other schools interested in collaboration.

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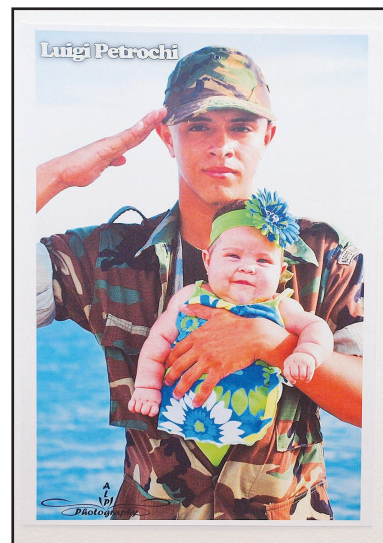
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Joanaila Geerman-Lacle, the honorees, Sigrid Hammelburg and Leo Vrolijk



Why I am an Arubamil

This year's exposition features over 200 photographs by 26 of Leo's colleagues, covering everything from royal visits to comical moments among the media. Pictures range from the humorous to breathtaking, as they reveal the world seen through the artful eye of enthusiastic and experienced photographers.

This very enjoyable exhibition is open to the public, free of charge, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, through September 7. Cas di Cultura is located on the rotunda at the east end of Oranjestad.



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Extended Study Fine set to be approved for implementation

THE HAGUE -- There was always a ray of hope that the extended study fine measure would be abolished in the Second House of Chamber before September 1st. However, it is now practically certain that this measure will be implemented, according to Samuel Dumfries of the Department of Education at the Aruba House in Holland.

Students who have a one year delay in their Bachelor or Master's program, will be levied an extra 3.036 Euros on their tuition. For a certain category of student there will be an exception, for example, students who were ill for an extended period and could not go to school, or those who occupied a position on a Board of an organization during an entire year.

On the other hand, students who switched majors during an academic year, will be levied the fine. We estimate that this measure of the Dutch government will affect a few hundred Aruban students. Various academic institutions have already begun to issue invoices to collect the levy, which many students have already received in their mail.

Understandably, not everyone will be able to pay 3000 Euros at once. For this reason, the government is informing all Aruban students to take this matter very seriously. They should not just lay this matter aside, but to take immediate action. It may be possible to make an appeal against the levy. This would have to be done at the school where they are enrolled, since that is where the collection of the fine will take place.

Those unable to pay the fine in one payment may apply for a payment arrangement at the Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (DUO) in the form of an increase of their credit line. All of this information is available online at www.duo.nl. On this same web address, students can calculate how much their fine will be and if the levy will apply to them. Again, once verified, the student should take action immediately.

The Aruba government has emphasized that this measure regarding the extended study fine is one taken by the Dutch government. Aruba cannot exercise any influence in this matter. Notwithstanding the willingness of the Aruba government to intervene, we must conclude that it is outside our scope and power to cancel this measure, according to the Minister Plenipotentiary in The Hague.

SMOA funds cut off due to inappropriate use

ORANJESTAD -- The Minister of Education, in a public declaration emphasized that the information communicated by SMOA is erroneous in that, contrary to their story, he had sat down with them on various occasions and deliberated very openly with them on the issues at hand. One of the major disputes currently is the fact that the government has put a stop to a portion of the subsidy they have been receiving from the government.

The Minister also emphasized that SMOA was informed that what they are doing is not correct. SMOA receives funds

that should be earmarked for certain means, but, apparently, they are using the funds to pay certain teachers as part of the management of the school. SMOA was deliberately informed by the Department of Education and the Inspection Section that that practice is against the law and that SMOA has to stop it, but for years this practice continued. For this reason they had to stop sending these funds. Hence, this was not a case of an abrupt suspension of the subsidy.

Dowers explained that SMOA has in the past deviated from the rules by paying some-

one more money than the person had legal rights to. In this particular situation, SMOA did not meet with the different parties who issue the funds, to explain anything.

According to the government, it is not lawful for a school board to use government funds to pay staff more money, because it is the government that stipulates how the funds are to be used. In the event that the school board wants to pay staff more, that is their prerogative, but they must acquire the funds for such from other sources.

Whenever it is ascertained

that funds given by the government are being misappropriated, or used irresponsibly, the government will discount those funds from their subsidy. It appears they are receiving too much funds and are using them irresponsibly, hence the government has to take action. It is the government's responsibility to make sure that there are sufficient funds for education, and they use the school boards to implement and administer these funds. The government in turn is responsible to ensure that the funds are being used in the best possible manner and within the confines of the rules.

Happy Press Day to ALL!

Today is International Press Day! A day when we look back over the past year and evaluate how the press has influenced and /or affected the lives of the people we reach every day. We understand something of the power of the written and spoken word. We know that what we say and how we say it could make a world of difference to

the peoples we reach with the news and stories of everyday situations.

The Morning News, from the very inception of our business, set out to make a difference, a salient difference in how we present the news and in how we project the stories of everyday situations both locally and internationally. The feedbacks we

get everyday let us know that we are right on target. We present the facts, unadulterated, and in all kindness to everyone.

Today, news reporting has become more of an art than it ever was, because our world has become so much more critical and devious. On the other hand it is also very obvious that there are always

factions out there doing their utmost to tell reporters what they may and may not report and/or how they should do their reporting. But, we may never deviate from our standard ...tell the truth and nothing but the truth!

Today, we salute all press people, those who labor, day and night, to keep everyone else informed and well

versed in what is happening around them. We remain committed to provide you with the very best news in English. One important aspect, many fail to keep in mind is that newspapers survive on two elements, each are as indispensable as the other:

One, we need you to read what we publish! When you pick up The Morning News and consult us for your daily information, we know that we are meeting an important need. But, two, we cannot produce a quality paper everyday without the support of our business community. The business community makes it possible for us to meet your need for quality news in English. We look back on a year with gratitude for the great support we have received from so many business concerns on the island, and we thank you for your support! We look ahead into the new press year and expect to have an increase amount of support from the business community. Together we can make the kind of influence we are designed to make, but it must be together!

Pabien na tur colega! Congratulations on this Press Day from The Morning News!

Amigoe op School...

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Gift

This year Amigoe Aruba is celebrating their 50th year of existence and as a gift to our community, in particular to education, the Amigoe op School will be continued. On the 28th of August the first official edition, which is free for every secondary school, was published. Schools who are still interested, can still join.

During the academic year 2012-2013 a total of 12 editions will be published. Amigoe sincerely hopes that the community will embrace this initiative, especially as an incentive for the education and youth.



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Mexico's Pena Nieto officially declared president-elect

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's electoral tribunal yesterday declared Enrique Pena Nieto the winner of the July 1 presidential election, one day after dismissing his leftist rival's bid to scrap the result.

"Enrique Pena Nieto is the president-elect of... Mexico, from December 1, 2012, to November 30, 2018," court president Jose Alejandro Luna Ramos said after the seven-judge tribunal unanimously

validated the election.

Earlier, second-place finisher Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador refused to recognize the court's dismissal of his election challenge and called on supporters to join him at a September 9 rally in Mexico City.

Lopez Obrador claims that the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) bought five million votes and violated campaign spending rules in order to secure Pena Nieto's victory.

Obama to tour hurricane damage on Monday

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama will tour storm damage and visit victims of Hurricane Isaac on Monday, the White House said yesterday, as Republican rival Mitt Romney headed for the disaster zone.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said top officials had assessed that Monday was the most appropriate day to visit Louisiana as they were keen to ensure the huge presidential security operation did not detract from relief efforts.

Carney told reporters on Air Force One that Obama would

meet officials dealing with the aftermath of Isaac, which tore ashore in New Orleans exactly seven years after killer Hurricane Katrina.

But he sidestepped questions inviting him to judge whether it was appropriate for Romney, who has no official role in dealing with the storm, to go to Louisiana hours after accepting his party's presidential nomination.

"It is always important to draw attention to the fact that individuals and families and business owners are profoundly affected by the storm,"

Carney said.

Romney was to meet Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and first responders in the town of LaFite late yesterday.

Romney's team announced the last-minute change early in the day in Lakeland, Florida, where the candidate and his running mate Paul Ryan had scheduled a rally.

In a press call, the White House underscored that the decision to travel to the region on Monday was made before Romney announced his plans.

One dead, small tsunami after 7.6 Philippine quake

MANILA (AFP) - A 7.6 earthquake struck off the Philippine coast yesterday, triggering landslides that killed at least one person and a small tsunami that hit the eastern part of the archipelago, authorities said.

The quake struck at a depth of 34 kilometers (21 miles) in the Pacific Ocean about 140 kilometres from the Philip-

pinas, leading to tsunami warnings across its east coast and as far away as Indonesia, Japan and Papua New Guinea.

A series of small waves ranging from 16-centimeters (six-inch) to 50 centimeters hit the eastern Philippines about two hours after the quake, according to local authorities, but there were no reports of major damage.

The US Pacific Tsunami Warning Center shortly afterwards lifted its tsunami warnings for the Philippines and Indonesia. It had earlier cancelled similar warnings for Japan, Taiwan and several Pacific islands.

The USGS had initially reported the quake as having a magnitude of 7.9, but revised it to 7.6.

US supermarket worker shoots dead two, kills self

NEW YORK (AFP) - A man armed with a Kalashnikov-style automatic rifle and a handgun shot dead two people yesterday at a supermarket in a town near New York, and then shot himself, officials said.

The attack took place at a Pathmark store in Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce Kaplan told a tele-

vised news conference that the killer was 23 and his victims were an 18-year-old woman and a 24-year-old man.

All three were employees at the supermarket, which had not yet opened to the public for the day.

Kaplan said the gunman finished his night shift, returned with the weapons and started to shoot, firing at least

16 times.

About a dozen workers were in the store at the time and most were able to hide, Kaplan said.

The Asbury Park Press quoted Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry as saying that the killer was a former US Marine who arrived at the store wearing camouflage.



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Flags at half-mast across US for Neil Armstrong funeral

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Flags flew at half mast across the United States yesterday in memory of astronaut Neil Armstrong to mark the private funeral in Ohio of the first man to walk on the moon.

Family and friends of Armstrong, who died Saturday aged 82, gathered at a club in the Cincinnati suburb of Indian Hill to pay their final respects, the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper reported.

The late-morning funeral was by invitation only, with no media present, reflecting Armstrong's own intensely private nature. A public memorial is scheduled for September 12 in Washington.

Eulogies were read by Armstrong's two sons, with Republican senator Rob Portman and businessman friend Charles Mechem also speaking.

On Monday, US President Barack Obama ordered in a White House proclamation that flags on all US government premises be lowered to half mast Friday to mark Armstrong's funeral.

His order applied to the Stars and Stripes on the top of the White House, all public buildings, military posts, naval stations and US naval ships at sea anywhere in the world, as well as at US embassies and consulates.



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On SEAL's book, Pentagon keeps legal options open

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon has not decided whether a book by a former US Navy SEAL on the raid that killed Osama bin Laden exposes state secrets but it is keeping its legal options open, a spokesman said yesterday.

"I'm not going to characterize one way or the other whether we think there's classified information in it," press secretary George Little told reporters. "We are going to preserve our options."

The Pentagon's top lawyer issued a warning late Thursday to the author of "No Easy Day," saying he had violated non-disclosure agreements he signed while in uniform -- including a pledge to submit any book for review before publication.

"Those agreements are very clear, that when you write something that may contain classified information, you need to have it go through pre-publication review by this department," Little said. "That did not occur in this case. And we take these agreements and our obligation to protect classified information very seriously."

The former Navy commando wrote "No Easy Day" under a pseudonym, Mark Owen, but has been identified by US media as Matt Bissonnette. The book is due to be released next week but has already sparked a wave of publicity and controversy.

In similar cases, CIA employees who failed to submit their manuscripts for review

have been found guilty in court of violating their contractual obligations, regardless of whether their books disclosed classified information.

The government then has the right to demand access to any profits from the unauthorized books, said Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, who writes a blog on government secrecy. The non-disclosure agreements "have been consistently construed by courts as a binding contract."

Failing to submit a manuscript qualifies as a civil case, but if the Pentagon concludes secrets were revealed in the book, the former commando could be subject to criminal prosecution, he said.

Ban calls on Iran to prove nuclear drive is peaceful

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN leader Ban Ki-moon yesterday called on Iran to prove its nuclear program is peaceful after a UN watchdog said the Islamic state has stepped up its atomic drive.

Ban, who pressed Iranian leaders over international suspicions of a bomb-making effort while at a summit in Tehran this week, expressed regret at the lack of progress between the government and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Ban said there had to be "a diplomatic and negotiated solution" to the showdown.

"This must include measures by Iran aimed at building international confidence

in the exclusively peaceful nature of its nuclear program," he added.

The statement comes in the wake of a new IAEA report that said Iran has doubled capacity at an underground nuclear facility and stepped up production of nuclear fuel.

The United States, Britain, France and other western powers accuse Iran of seeking a nuclear bomb. But Tehran insists its effort is peaceful.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in a speech attended by Ban at the Non-Aligned Movement summit this week that his country would "never" cease its nuclear activities.

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Happy First Anniversary



Stephanie and Michael, from New York, couldn't think of a better place than Aruba and the Hyatt Hotel to celebrate their first anniversary, as they have been here before. This time, as part of their special occasion, they decided to have a romantic photo session. Last year, on their wedding day, August 28th, it rained..so they weren't able to take outdoor photos. So this year, Stephanie thought it would be so nice as a celebration of their anniversary and their love, to have photos in the sunshine "after the rain". Near the end of the photo session, they toasted to their love and their first anniversary of many, many more, and then sat down to a romantic dinner for two at the Hyatt's "Footprints" restaurant on the beach. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Photo by Diane Keijzer

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Apple, Samsung 'tablet war' overshadows Berlin tech show

BERLIN (AFP)-The repercussions of Apple's billion-dollar patent victory over Samsung were still being felt at Europe's biggest consumer electronics show, as the South Korean firm launched a host of new gadgets.

After losing the biggest patent case in decades, Samsung came out fighting at the IFA show in Berlin which opened Friday, with a sweeping media launch of smartphones, tablets, a "smart PC" and a voice-controlled camera.

But as Samsung made every effort to shrug off the defeat with a dazzling array of new toys, there were concerns the court case could stifle innovation as firms fear to launch new products that could be the target of patent suits.

Juergen Boyny, from consumer affairs think tank GfK, said the "tablet war" between Apple and Samsung -- which forced the South Korean firm to pull one of its products out of last year's show -- was a "limited conflict."

"It will not stop the development of innovation, nor will it stop smartphone or tablet sales," he told AFP.

Indeed, IFA organisers say the global market for consumer electronics is poised to defy the economic slowdown and post a two-percent gain this year to around \$1.1 trillion.

Samsung's main competitors, however, were to be absent from this year's IFA.

Mexico wastewater project uncovers Ice Age bones

(AFP) - Workers have discovered hundreds of bones belonging to Ice Age animals, including mammoths, mastodons and glyptodons, while digging to build a wastewater treatment plant north of Mexico City.

The bones could be between 10,000 and 12,000 years old and may include a human tooth from the late Pleistocene period, Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History announced. Tusks, skulls, jawbones, horns, ribs,

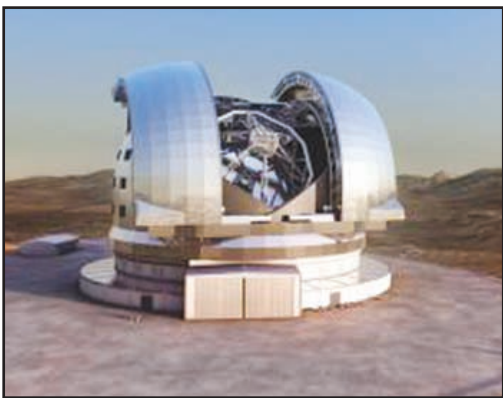
vertebrae and shells were discovered 20 meters (65 feet) deep in Atotonilco de Tula, a town in the state of Hidalgo, as workers built a drain, the institute said.

These remains belong to a range of species including

mastodons, mammoths, camels, horses, deer and glyptodons, the armadillo's ancestor. Some bones may belong to bison, while others have not been identified.

Archeologists have worked for the past five months to recover the bones.

Chilean telescope finds sugar molecules near star



SANTIAGO (AFP) - Astronomers using a powerful radio telescope in Chile said that they had discovered sugar molecules, one of the building blocks of life, orbiting a young star similar to the Sun.

"This is the first time sugar been found in space around

the gas surrounding the star, located some 400 light-years from Earth, it said.

The discovery "shows that the building blocks of life are in the right place, at the right time, to be included in planets forming around the star."

such a star," the European Southern Observatory (ESO), which is administering the project said.

The astronomers found glycolaldehyde, a sugar compound described as essential to the existence of life, in

Because the star is similar to our sun, the finding "shows that some of the chemical compounds needed for life existed in this (solar) system at the time of planet formation," the ESO said.

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Spain approves creation of 'bad bank'

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's cabinet approved a major financial reform package yesterday including the creation of a "bad bank" to buy troubled property assets and bad loans from lenders.

Spain had agreed to push through the changes as a condition for receiving a banking sector rescue loan of up to 100 billion euros (\$125 billion) from its eurozone partners.

Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria said the financial sector reform -- Spain's fifth in three years -- was needed to get credit flowing again to the economy.

"We must clean up the financial sector to have banks lending again," she told a news conference. "With this reform, we respect our European commitments."

Spanish banks have been weighed down with rising bad loans and repossessed real estate since the collapse of a property bubble in 2008, which sent the jobless rate soaring to nearly 25 percent.

The "bad bank" will last for between 10 to 15 years and it will buy an as-yet undetermined amount of bad loans and foreclosed property from

lenders that receive eurozone aid, Economy Minister Luis de Guindos said.

Spanish banks will receive cash, debt or shares in return for toxic assets transferred to the "bad bank", he added.

The latest reform forces banks to strengthen their balance sheets by raising the ratio of rock-solid core capital to 9.0 percent of total assets from 8.0 percent.

The legislation also makes it easier for the government to take control of troubled lenders.

"We are establishing the basis so that there will never be another crisis such as this one ever again," the economy minister said.

The Spanish cabinet was set to approve the banking reform last week but the European Commission asked Madrid for a one-week delay to give it time to analyse the text.

Olli Rehn, the Economics Affairs commissioner, praised the new measures as "an important signal of Spain's determination to comply fully with the requirements and time-frame set out in the Memorandum of Understanding" on Spain's banking bailout.

Bernanke signals desire for more Fed stimulus

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke expressed deep yesterday and argued for fresh action to stimulate growth from the central bank.

Warning that stagnation in the US labor market was "a grave concern," Bernanke defended the Fed's interventions of the past four years and signaled he would be pushing for more when the Fed's policy board meets in 12 days.

"The economic situation is obviously far from satisfactory," he said in the keynote speech of the Fed's annual conference of central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

"Growth in recent quarters has been tepid, and so, not surprisingly, we have seen no net improvement in the unemployment rate since January," he said.

"Unless the economy begins to grow more quickly than it has recently, the unemployment rate is likely to remain far above levels consistent with maximum employment for some time."

Bernanke made clear that the jobless rate, stuck around at 8.3 percent, is one of his biggest worries.

"The stagnation of the labor market in particular is a grave concern not only because of the enormous suffering and waste of human talent it entails, but

also because persistently high levels of unemployment will wreak structural damage on our economy that could last for many years," he said.

"Taking due account of the uncertainties and limits of its policy tools, the Federal Reserve will provide additional policy accommodation as needed to promote a stronger economic recovery and sustained improvement in labor market conditions in a context of price stability."

Bernanke, whose policies have been criticized by US conservative politicians, including Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, delivered a lengthy defense of the Fed's intervention actions since the financial crisis.

He said that efforts to drive down long-term interest rates through "quantitative easing" (QE) bond purchase operations and other programs had boosted growth and added jobs, while not fueling inflation.

Such actions "may have raised the level of output by almost three percent and increased private payroll

employment by more than two million jobs, relative to what otherwise would have occurred," he said.

He warned, as he has over much of the past year, that Fed action is not a panacea for policy action from political leaders.

Besides heavy spending cuts by federal and local governments, he said the economy has been held back by partisan battles over raising the debt ceiling and the looming "fiscal cliff" policy, a poison-pill law from last year that could force a sharp contraction in the economy beginning on January 1 if not changed.

"Policymakers should take care to avoid a sharp near-term fiscal contraction that could endanger the recovery," Bernanke said.

Economists said Bernanke's comments raised the likelihood that he could garner adequate support for fresh action in the Federal Open Market Committee's September 12-13 meeting -- whether more signaling of Fed intent on future interest rate movements, or a third QE program.



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'Unforgettable Diana' honoured at Paris shrine

PARIS (AFP) - Guy Gerald brought wild flowers from his garden and a poem he wrote for Diana, laying them gently among the mementos that dotted a makeshift Paris shrine to the princess on Friday, 15 years after she died.

The 65-year-old was one of a steady trickle of tourists, well-wishers and die-hard Diana fans who filed past the site, directly above the underpass where the princess was killed in a car crash alongside her companion Dodi Fayed.

"Unforgettable Diana", "A life of love," "Fifteen years already", read the little notes taped to the base of a replica of

the flame of the Statue of Liberty, a local monument which Diana fans have adopted as an informal memorial.

Ignoring the din of the traffic rushing into the tunnel under the Alma bridge, just north of the River Seine, visitors from Brazil, South Africa or Canada bent to read the messages set among pictures and papier mache flowers.

As he has done each year since 1997, Gerald made the two-hour journey from Orleans south of Paris to pay his respects -- among a busy jostle of radio and television crews.

"Diana is a figure of inspiration for all of us. She brings me

comfort and strength," smiled the metalworker, who planned to spend four to five hours at the shrine.

"Fifteen years already, time has stood still and so has my heart," reads the opening of the poem he composed in her memory. "But for all those who love, time is eternal."

South African businessman Robbie Teengs and his wife Theresa also set aside the last day of their European tour for Diana.

"It was a shock 15 years ago," said the 53-year-old ironmongery businessman. "I can remember that night exactly. Harry and William -- their kids were the same age as our kids. I woke my wife up, we couldn't sleep. "So our priority today was to come here," he told AFP.

Likewise, Jocelyn Knott from the region of Toronto, was in Paris with a whole tribe of 15 family members en route for a reunion in the Netherlands -- and together they made a detour via the monument.

"We thought it would be special to stop by and see the memorial," said the 52-year-old. "I think its a wonderful tribute to her and her life."

"I remember the day she got



"Flame of Freedom" statue at the Pont de l'Alma underpass where Lady Diana died in France.

married and the birth of her children, her charity work, how she tried to raise her boys as normal as possible. It was so sad she had to die that early."

Sylvia Fricot brought her eight-year-old daughter all the way from southern France to show her the shrine to the "princess of hearts".

"She was a beautiful woman, elegant and generous," she said. "I still remember when I learned of her death. I had just woken up, and it took me some time to come to terms with it."

Daniele Fazzio, visiting from Sao Paulo with her sharply-

dressed businessman husband Edelcio, scanned the monument and surrounding area with her iPad to capture the moment.

"She had a big soul, she captivated the whole world," she said.


Some of those present were too young to remember the princess in their lifetimes, like Maxime Cailmail, 20, and his friend Pauline Laries, 23, visiting Paris from southern Toulouse.

But Priyani Wijesinghe, a Sri Lankan doctor who lives in Paris, remembers the princess's untimely death well.



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US serviceman blinded in Afghanistan wins gold

LONDON (AFP) - US swimmer Bradley Snyder yesterday won gold in the men's S11 100m freestyle at the London Paralympics -- a year after losing his sight when an improvised explosive device exploded in his face in Afghanistan.

The 28-year-old former US Navy lieutenant won the race in 57.43secs, with clear water between him and second-placed finisher Yang Bozun of China and Hendri Herbst Hendri of South Africa in third.

Snyder was on a tour of duty as a bomb disposal specialist when on September 7 last year a home-made bomb detonated and blinded him.

The bloody legacy of nearly a decade of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in recent years have led to a number of wounded former service personnel taking up



para-sport.

In the US team, more than 20 of the 227 athletes are veterans, while Britain's team includes Jon-Allen Butterworth, a former Royal Air Force weapons technician who lost an arm in a rocket attack in Basra, southern Iraq, in 2007.

Snyder won all five events at the US Paralympic swimming trials and set a new world best

for visually impaired athletes in the 100m and 400m freestyle, prompting high praise from US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta.

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Super Cup winners Real Madrid seek league upturn

MADRID (AFP) - Having claimed the season's first piece of silverware with victory over Barcelona in the Spanish Super Cup, Real Madrid return to domestic action needing to close a five-point deficit on the Catalans in La Liga.

Madrid coach Jose Mourinho uncharacteristically tore into his players after their 2-1 derby defeat by Getafe last weekend, describing their performance as "unacceptable".

He got the reaction he was looking for in the Super Cup though, with a sparkling first-half display on Wednesday at the Bernabeu paving the way for a 2-1 victory over 10-man Barca that gave Madrid the trophy on away goals.

It was the only silverware that Mourinho lacked in Spain

after winning the King's Cup in his first year and then the league title last season, which ended Barca's hegemony under Pep Guardiola, who had finished first in the previous three campaigns.

The defeat was a blow for new Barca coach Tito Vilanova as he seeks to emulate the successes of his predecessor.

He has so far failed to tighten up the defence, which was the weak point of the team last season, and centre-backs Gerard Pique and Javier Mascherano were chasing shadows for much of the first 45 minutes against Madrid.

Still, Vilanova praised the way his side responded after the break.

"I am proud that with 10 men in the second half, we managed to create five scoring chances," he said.

Barca take on Valencia looking to maintain their 100 per cent record, which is also shared by Real Valladolid and Rayo Vallecano.

Valladolid are yet to concede a goal in an impressive return to the top flight and they face an Athletic Bilbao side in disarray after the departure of Javi Martinez to Bayern Munich, and with Fernando Llorente expected to follow him out of the door.

Their policy of only fielding Basques means their ability to hold onto their players is crucial but their fine displays last season have put them in the shop window.

Rayo now play Sevilla, who were happy to come away with a point from the Andalusian derby with Granada after playing the whole second half with 10 men following the dismissal of goalkeeper Diego Lopez.

Atletico Madrid will look to continue their strong start to the season, which included a hat-trick by striker Radamel Falcao in a 4-0 victory over

Athletic Bilbao, when they play Real Betis.

Malaga learnt on Thursday that they will face AC Milan, Zenit Saint Petersburg and Anderlecht in the group stage of their debut Champions League campaign, and they take on

Real Zaragoza.

Modest Levante were the major surprises last season, qualifying for the Europa League, but after a stuttering start without a win, they aim to get back on track against Espanyol.

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Paralympics: Praise for Beckham as blind football kicks off



LONDON (AFP) - British captain Dave Clarke thanked global football icon David Beckham for spreading the word about blind five-a-side soccer as the sport's Paralympic tournament kicked off yesterday.

Played in front of a silent crowd to allow players to hear the rattling ball, the opening matches of the eight-team event had spectators on the edge of their seats at the London 2012 Games.

The four outfield players are visually impaired, and wear eye shades to ensure fairness, while goalkeepers may be full or partially sighted.

The Futsal-size pitch has a rebound wall, meaning there are no throw-ins, while matches consist of two halves of 25-minutes.

At set pieces, coaches tap the posts so the players know where to aim.

And there was no shortage of drama as reigning champions Brazil drew a blank, China got off to a flying start and home side Great Britain held Spain.

In Group A, Britain came from behind in a 1-1 draw with Spain. Antonio Martin Gaitan converted a penalty but

Clarke equalised two minutes later with a superb twisting dribble and finish.

Clarke, 41, taught Beckham how to play the sport and has kept in touch with the former Manchester United, Real Madrid and England star after the pair appeared together in a television advert.

Clarke had a starring role in the Paralympics opening ceremony, taking the flame after it was carried by zip wire into the Olympic Stadium.

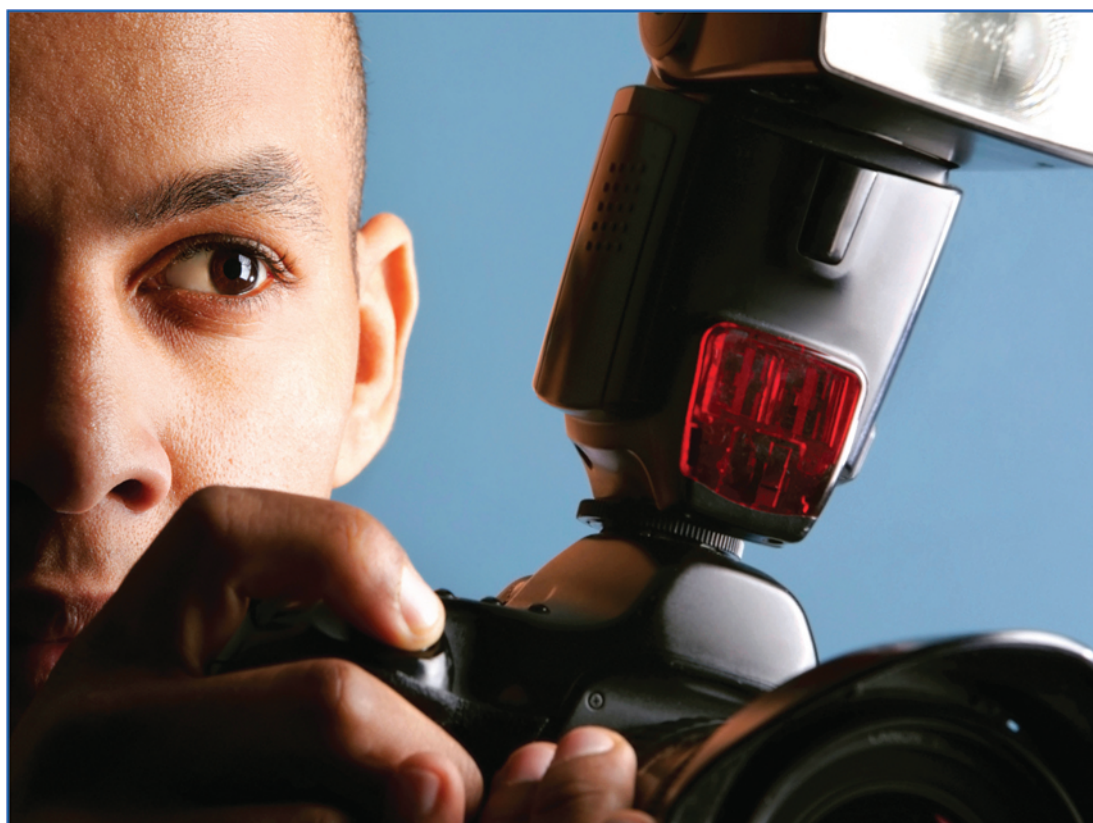
He said the players responded well to the atmosphere, with more than 2,600 fans watching their match.

In the other Group A match, Argentina, who won bronze in Beijing, beat Iran 2-0.

In Group B, Brazil, who won both previous tournaments in Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008, got their title defence off to a flat start with a 0-0 draw against France.

China, the silver medallists four years ago, thrashed Turkey 4-0.

Turkey coach Yucel Kaya said: "Sometimes the match locks up and nothing happens as it did with Brazil; other times the game rips through and you get 5-0 or 7-0 scores."



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